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(3) National Intelligence Survey (NIS)

1. After a comprehensive review of the interagency NIS Program, the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) in August 1963 re-affirmed the mission of the Program and approved measures underway to streamline NIS coverage and accelerate production. This change in the Program identifies the one-volume General Survey as the primary unit of NIS coverage for each area and, for some areas, the entire coverage.

2. General Surveys represented 38% of the NIS effort in FY 1964, as compared with 24% for similar coverage in FY 1963. Other production was reduced by increased selectivity in the coverage of important topics too complex to be covered adequately in the relatively brief General Surveys. The production of NIS units during this transition period totalled 405, slightly less than the average in recent years.

3. For FY 1965 the NIS Committee developed a production schedule allocating 55% of the total NIS effort to General Surveys, further reducing production of other units, and emphasizing coverage of Latin America and Africa. In June 1964 the USIB approved the topical and area priorities shown in this production schedule and noted with satisfaction the results of a special high-level consumer evaluation which unanimously endorsed the new direction in the NIS Program.

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